



Thomas A. Goodman Collection (R0160)

Collection Number: R0160

Collection Title: Thomas A. Goodman Collection

Dates: circa 1925

Creator: Goodman, Thomas A., 1871-1936

Abstract: The Thomas A. Goodman Collection contains a photocopy of a seven page illustrated pamphlet, “A Little Journey Through El Jane of the Ozarks,” advertising the sale of the “El Jane” property in Arcadia, Iron County, Missouri. The 500-acre estate was to have been the permanent residence of Thomas A. Goodman of Chicago, Illinois.

Collection Size: 0.01 cubic foot
(1 folder)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

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Historical Note:

Thomas A. Goodman was a businessman with offices in Saint Louis, Missouri and Chicago, Illinois. Goodman's estate, "El Jane," in Iron County, included a six-bedroom residence, two guesthouses, a forest cabin, and a greenhouse. There were barns and outbuildings to accommodate a herd of seventy-five dairy cattle. All of the buildings were supplied with water from a single large spring on the property, and were appointed with the most modern conveniences and furnishings of the day.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged in its original order.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains a photocopy of a seven page illustrated pamphlet advertising the sale of the "El Jane" property in Arcadia, Iron County, Missouri. The 500-acre estate was to have been the permanent residence of Thomas A. Goodman of Chicago, Illinois.

The pamphlet, which advertises the sale of the estate, includes descriptions and photographs of the property and buildings, and contains a glowing description of the Arcadia Valley, ninety miles south of Saint Louis, as a land where "the wild violet blooms while St. Louisans are still shoveling paths through the snow." It additionally claimed that mosquitoes in the valley did not bite, and that the water of the area was well known for its medicinal value. Boosted as a perfect opportunity for a gentleman's country home or a country club, the property was offered for occupancy by June 1, 1926. Interested parties were directed to apply at Goodman's offices at Saint Louis or Chicago.

Container List:

Box 001 f. 1 "A Little Journey Through El Jane of the Ozarks," pamphlet,
circa 1925

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